

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Further consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

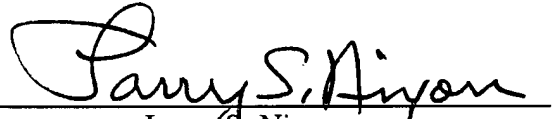
In response to the formality-based objections, amendments have been made above to obviate each of the Examiner's stated concerns.

Since all claims 1-4 have already been allowed, it follows that this entire application is now in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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